

### **Remarks**

#### **A. Status of the Application**

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully solicited. Claims 17, 32-33, 54, 59-61, 69, and 70-80 are pending. Claims 17, 32-33, 54, 59-61, and 69 have been amended. Claims 13, 15-16, 18-20, 31, 34-36, 39, 47, 49, 52-53, 55-58, and 62-68 have been cancelled without prejudice. New claims 70-80 have been added. No new matter has been added.

#### **B. Response to Previous Amendment**

In its “Response to Amendment” Section of the Final Office Action, the Office asserts that Applicant’s previous amendment introduced “new matter.” Applicant traverses. Applicant reserves the right to prosecute claims directed to the allegedly “new” matter in one or more continuing applications. This “new matter” ground of objection, however, is believed to rendered moot by way of this Submission. Applicant therefore requests this objection to be withdrawn.

#### **C. Section 112 Rejections**

Claims 63, 65, and 67 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 as allegedly lacking written description. This rejection is linked to the Office’s “new matter” objection addressed above. Applicant traverses. Claims 63, 65, and 67 have been canceled without prejudice, rendering this rejection moot. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the subject matter of these claims in one or more continuing applications.

Applicant respectfully requests removal of the current Section 112 rejection.

#### **D. Section 102 and 103 Rejections**

Claims 13, 15-16, 18-20, 36, 47, 49, 52-53, 55-58, and 62-67 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being allegedly anticipated by Potter (US Patent 4,867,154). Claims 13, 31, 34-36, and 68 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being allegedly anticipated by Kite (US Patent

4,754,685). Claim 39 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being allegedly obvious in view of Kite or Potter.

Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections and asserts the unamended claims patentably distinguish over the cited art. Nevertheless, the claims have been amended to re-cast non-rejected dependent claims 17, 32, 33, 54, 59-61, and 69 into independent claims so that a swift notice of allowance can be obtained. Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and requests that the Section 102 and 103 rejections be withdrawn.

**E. Allowable Subject Matter**

Claims 17, 32, 33, 54, 59-61, and 69 have been indicated as allowable. Applicant has rewritten these claims in independent form. Applicant respectfully submits that all claims are in condition for allowance.

**F. New Claims**

New claims 70-80 are dependent claims that are allowable at least for the reasons their parent claim is allowable.

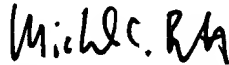
**G. Conclusion**

Applicant believes that these remarks fully respond to all outstanding matters for this application. Applicant respectfully requests that the rejections of all claims be withdrawn so the claims may pass to issuance.

It is believed that there are no fees due in connection with the filing of this document. However, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Fulbright & Jaworski, LLP Deposit Account No. 50-1212/FIFW:019US/MCB.

Should the Examiner desire to sustain any of the rejections discussed in this Response, the courtesy of a telephone conference between the Examiner, the Examiner's supervisor, and the undersigned attorney at 512-536-3018 is respectfully requested in advance.

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